WASHINGTON (January 23) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) issued the following statement on today's House passage of the "No Budget, No Pay Act."

The legislation, which Congressman Bachus voted for, was approved by a vote of 285-144.

"The most urgent issue facing Congress and our country is the exploding national debt that threatens our economic prosperity and national security. The federal government has run deficits of more than one trillion dollars for four years running and that amount of unrestrained spending is simply unsustainable. The way that families get their debts under control is by setting budget priorities and reducing their spending. Washington must do the same. It is remarkable that the Senate has not passed a budget for nearly four years under Majority Leader Harry Reid. As continuing discussions are held on the debt limit, my view is that the lasting solution to restoring fiscal accountability would be approving a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Balanced Budget Amendment is the first piece of legislation that I cosponsored to start this new Congress."

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